

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18, 2011

**Attendees:** Denise Blockmon, Francisco Godoy, Stormaliza Powmacwizalord,  
Carolyn Rose and Cordia Wade

**Absent:** Bob Blymyer, Melissa Kinley Antoinette Lopez-Coles (LOA)

**Staff & Guests:** Janine Almandoz, (Social Worker Fraud Task Force), Scott Braithwaite  
(Social Worker Fraud Task Force), Mathew Call (Sign Language  
Interpreter), Marni Cotta-Warren, (PA), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), Caleb  
Lopez (Sign Language Interpreter), Sharon Rehm (IHSS), and Rick  
Simonson (PA)

I. Call to Order 1:15 by Vice-Chair Carolyn Rose.

II. Introductions

III. Consent Calendar

A. Agenda: reviewed

B. Minutes: reviewed

IV. Reports

A. IHSS, Program Manager, Sharon Rehm – In the June Budget proposal to the Board of Supervisors, IHSS is requesting the addition of 1 new continuing social worker unit (8 social workers, 2 supervisors). Caseloads still continue to be high and workers continue to work on their top 40 cases every month. The 40 oldest cases are worked each month; any other cases are assigned to one of the six workers of the day. Marni Cotta-Warren will be replacing a retiring supervisor, welcome aboard.

B. Public Authority, Acting Executive Director, Rick Simonson: Welcome Denise Blockmon as a new member of the IHSS Advisory Committee. In the Governor's May revised budget there are no additional cuts proposed to the IHSS program. There is a proposal of \$10 million additional cuts to IHSS Public Authorities statewide. In the last \$10 million cut, Sacramento County IHSS Public Authority lost four positions, so if the governor's budget proposal is adopted, the IHSS Public Authority could lose four more positions. CAPA will be voicing the concerns at budget hearings. California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is also expected to oppose the proposed cuts to Public Authorities.

State Social Services budget hearings are scheduled for May 24 and 25, 2011. A link will be sent to IHSSAC members.

Next year's budget for the IHSS Advisory Committee will be \$6,000 (\$3,000 from the state and matching \$3,000 from the Federal government). The revised budget will pay for: CICA dues, Paratransit costs to and from meetings, sign language interpreters, and mileage reimbursement for members who drive. The IHSS Advisory Committee will no longer have the funds for the semi-annual newsletter. \$14,000 in local funds are being sought to continue the newsletter.

Attendance at training has grown to between 40 and 50 people per class. The increase in class participation may be due to increased promotion during orientations and/or registry providers expect they may get more employment opportunities if they are better educated.

A summary of legislation related to the IHSS program is available on the CAPA website. A link will be sent to IHSSAC members.

- C. IHSS Fraud Task Force, Deputy, District Attorney, Janine Almandoz: Report distributed (attached).
  
- V. Committee Matters
  - A. CICA Legislative Training – registration is closed.
  
- VII. New Business
  - A. Health Care Options: Francisco Godoy discussed the three new HMO programs for persons eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare. The HMO's are Anthem Blue Cross, Health Net and Molina Healthcare (Kaiser is available for anyone who is currently a Kaiser member or has a family member who is a member). Francisco's concern is these plans may not pay for all his medical equipment and medication.
  
- VIII Old Business
  
- IX. Public Comment: Members of the Audience - 2 Minutes Each.
  
- XI. Adjourn 2:45 p.m.